

Hongkong Telegraph

No. 3668

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £3,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP 251,993-15-0

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHEBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [32]

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.**

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,165,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

**INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS** at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1894. [30]

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.**

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., Vice-Chairman
H. Stollert, Esq., Secretary

Chief Manager:
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [17]

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY
HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION
will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, the 17th day of February next,
at Twelve o'clock, NOON, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Court of Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st
December, 1893.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1894. [172]

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-
TERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION
will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 3rd to
the 17th day of February next, (both days inclu-
sive), during which period no Transfer of Shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1894. [173]

NOTICE.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE
STRAITS, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the
SECOND INSTALLMENT of CALL,
amounting to FIVE SHILLINGS per Share on the
Ordinary Shares of the Bank, is DUE on the
1st February, 1894, and is PAYABLE at the
Office of the Bank, No. 4, Queen's Road,
either by Demand Draft on London or in Local
Currency equivalent.

CHANTREY INCHEBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1894. [143]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

CAPTAIN NOYES of the American barque
Colombo will not be responsible for any
DEBTS contracted by the Crew of that vessel
while in this port.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1894. [168]

SITUATION WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN (English) aged 28, speaks
English and French, and is an English or
German House in Hongkong or any Coast Port
of China. Able to correspond well in ENGLISH,
GERMAN and DUTCH, has a thorough practical
knowledge of BOOK-KEEPING and GENERAL
OFFICE WORK.

Apply to
"X,"
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1894. [139]

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

12, GLENELLY BUILDINGS.

Mrs. GILLANDERS.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1893. [54]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-
AGES of this form of Assurance, the
following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision
for wife and family or other rela-
tives in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment
for the regular accumulation of
small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are
larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-
continue future payments—he will
be entitled to receive, on application,
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a
proportionate amount of the Sum
Assured, as explained in the Pros-
pectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

**SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.**

THE Underwritten are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

NOTICE.

**THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

GENERAL NOTICE.

**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).**

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$533,333-33-
EQUAL TO }
RESERVE FUND \$318,000-00-00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUEN MOON, Esq.,
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER:—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 2 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [774]

Intimations.

MASONIC BALL—1894.

A MASONIC BALL, under the Auspices of
the DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF
HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA, will be
held at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 26th
February.

BROTHERS desirous of INVITING GUESTS are
requested to send the Names of their Friends to the
Undersecretary.

The Subscription is limited to \$10 for Masons,
and \$5 for each GUEST INVITED (Non-Masons).
SUBSCRIPTION LISTS are now ready for
SIGNATURE at the HONGKONG HOTEL, VICTORIA
HOTEL, INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS and
SHIPBUILDERS, Messrs. FALCONER & Co.,
Messrs. HEURMANN & HERST, Messrs. KELLY
& WALSH, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
and at the MASONIC HALL, Zealand Street.

S. HANISCH,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1894. [171]

HONGKONG ATHLETIC SPORTS.

To be held on the RACE COURSE on
SATURDAY, the 10th of March, 1894, Com-
mencing at 1.30 P.M.:

PROGRAMME:

1. 120 Yards Flat Race (Handicap).
2. Throwing the Cricket Ball.
3. Long Jump.
4. Quarter mile (Handicap); Soldiers, Sailors
and Police.

5. Bicycle Race, 1 mile (Scratch).
6. High Jump.
7. Ladies' Race, 1/2 mile (Handicap).
8. Veterans' Race.

9. 100 Yards (Challenge Cup).
10. Tug-of-War.
11. Hurdle Race (120 yards, 10 flights).
12. Quarter mile Flat Race.

13. Mile Flat Race (Handicap); Soldiers, &c.
14. Mile Flat Race.
15. 220 Yards (Handicap).
16. Consolation Race (120 yards).
17. Steeplechase.

18. Mile Bicycle Race (Handicap).
Nos. 4, 5, 12, and 18 are open events. Entry
forms can be obtained after the 10th of February,
1894, at the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB,
QUARRIES, BAY, and at the HONGKONG ATHLETIC
CLUB, or of the Undersecretary, and must be sent
in not later than February 25th, 1894.

A. DENISON,
Honorary Secretary.

H. K. A. G.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1894. [161]

Intimations.

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
88, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [41]

RACES

1894.



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SADDLERY, RACING GEAR, STABLE FURNITURE.

RACING SADDLES with Fittings complete, 31 ounces.
JOCKEY WHIPS. BRIDLES. RACING REINS.
BROWN LEATHER PONY HARNESS.

NEW CRAVATS, SCARFS, COLLARS, GLOVES, HATS, CARRIAGE RUGS, &c.
JOCKEY BOOTS, RACING TOPS.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1894. [130]

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the first floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [108]

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED

5,000 NEW CHEAP NOVELS.

WALLACE'S PRINCE OF INDIA, author
Ben Hur.
A 1 Telegraph Code.
Geikie's Text Book of Geology.
New Queen's Regulations.
All the Christmas Annals.
Gentlemen's Brown Rovers and Calf Walking
Boots and Shoes.

Dancing Pumps.
New Stock Solid-sole Tennis Shoes.
Also the Renshaw Shoe.
Associations and Rugby Footballs.
Indian Clubs.
Chevrolet's New Song, "Nipper's Lullaby."
New Dance Music.

WHITAKER'S ALMANACKS—1894.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1894. [40]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY

THE
SHANGHAI NAUTICAL POCKET MANUAL, \$1.50.

IMPERIAL ENGLISH & CHINESE DIARY, \$1.00.

IMPERIAL ENGLISH & CHINESE DATE BLOCK, 75c.

DOLLARS & STERLING EXCHANGE TABLES,
2/- to 3/6.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
PUBLISHERS.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1894. [6]

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting
throughout
the Premises.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, is the
centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid
on, DOUCHE, SHOWERS, SPRAYS, &c., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Night Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged by application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1894. [78]

Intimations.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public
Business on TUESDAY, the 6th February,
1894:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE
DE PARIS,
L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent.

For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE
STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHEBALD,
Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
(LIMITED),
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA,
(LIMITED),
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1894. [186]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby notified that the HONGKONG
VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY CORPS are
to carry out GUN PRACTICE from the South
Shore Battery at Stonecutters' Island on TUES-
DAY, the 6th proximo, between the hours of 10
A.M. and 4 P.M.

The line of fire will be in a South-westerly
direction from the Battery.

All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are
cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command,
G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 30th January, 1894. [187]

**HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 6 PER
CENT. or \$1.20 per Share, DECLARED
at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Share-
holders held this Day, will be PAYABLE at the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING COR-
PORATION on and after SATURDAY, the 3rd
instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the
Office of the Company for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1894. [188]

**THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company will be held at the Com-
pany's Office, No. 4, Praya Central, at 12
o'clock (NOON), on SATURDAY, 10th February
next, for the purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to
31st December, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 3rd to 10th February,
both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1894. [155]

**THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD-MINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE date of the ALLOTMENT of SHARES
having been POSTPONED until the
15th instant, applications will be received at
the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK until the
10th instant.

By Order,
W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1894. [184]

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Office of the Company, No. 12, Praya Central,
on MONDAY, the 13th February, 1894, at 3
o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors and the Statement of
Accounts to the 31st December, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th
February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1894. [178]

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
Company will be held at the Company's Office,
No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria,
on WEDNESDAY, the 21st February, 1894, at 3
o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a
Statement of Accounts and the Report of the
Directors for the year ending 31st December,
1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th
February, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1894. [183]

NGAI SHANG,
80, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

RATTAN FURNITURE
of Every Description,
CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS,
CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.
Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

At
Kee Hin Court, 80th Rattan, Canton Road and
Bamboo of all kinds.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1893. [161]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"**ESMERALDA**,"
Captain G. A. Thier, will be despatched for the
above Port on MONDAY, the 5th instant, at 3
P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric
Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply

Intimations.

DR. FENWICK'S FOOD

FOR
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS
ALSO FOR
DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

It is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.
In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at 1/10 and 7/10 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:

DAKIN CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.



CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

屈臣氏公司

FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

ANALYSTS.

PERFUMERS.

PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS AND
VENDORS.

DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYMEN.

CIGAR DEALERS.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
AND
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
香港大藥房
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.
The Shanghai Pharmacy, 24, Nanking
Road, Shanghai.
Botica Inglesa, 14, Escalita, Manila.
The Canton Dispensary, Canton.
The Dispensary, Fookchow.
The Hongkong Dispensary, Hankow.
The Hongkong Dispensary, Tientsin.
London Office, 8, Fenchurch Buildings, E.C.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1894.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1894.

THE COLONIAL PETITION-MONGER.

There is a doubt, after all, as to how far the Hon. N. G. MITCHELL-JONES, Colonial Treasurer of Hongkong, has succeeded in his "forlorn hope" of inducing Chinese merchants to petition against the punishment decreed for him by the Secretary of State. There is not, however, the slightest doubt about the petition itself. As we have already recorded, this honourable member of the Government, after richly earning and at last receiving "notice to quit," stooped to the undignified and unparalleled course of personally canvassing the Chinese and begging them to intercede for him. It may be, as the Registrar-General said in connection with the Po Leung Kuk subscriptions, that from a European point of view absolutely no official pressure was brought to bear; but it is beyond all question that, as pointed out by Dr. Ho Kai in the same case, from a Chinese point of view the mere mention of an official's name is a tallman of great power, while his personal presence is practically omnipotent in matters of this sort. Thus Mr. MITCHELL-JONES, late "Protector of Chinese" and present Colonial Treasurer, has not only proved himself a total stranger to the ordinary rules of self-respect and decent dignity, but he has attempted a very questionable trick on the Secretary of State, and has at the same time perpetrated a deliberate insult to all the civilised community, by trying to set up a bogus Chinese memorial in opposition to the unanimous verdict of

the Treasury Frauds Commission and the whole of European Hongkong. The insolent effrontery of a handful of Celestials setting up as a superior authority, and in fact undertaking to revise not merely the judgments of the Secretary of State, but even of the whole body of Hongkong ratepayers, is only equalled by the unconscionable duplicity with which they, in private conversation with us, express their disgust at their own public action. Is Hongkong to be run by such a crowd of lying hypocritical slaves?

It is hard to tell, for one never knows what may happen next in the fearful and wonderful world of officialdom. Mr. MITCHELL-JONES got this precious petition sent through the local Government to the Secretary of State, whose reply is a clever study in non-committal diplomacy. In case there should be any doubt as to our solution of the puzzle, we give in full the proclamation issued under authority and with the official stamp of the Registrar-General, as Lord Ripon's reply to the alleged "petition of the Chinese."

司本察具香港督署
奉大核呈請總辦大臣
此核呈請總辦大臣
合已呈請總辦大臣
行意呈請總辦大臣
知覺呈請總辦大臣
更惟呈請總辦大臣
關該呈請總辦大臣
到該呈請總辦大臣
因等呈請總辦大臣
先情等呈請總辦大臣

The authentic literal translation of this reads:-

The Acting Protector of Chinese, Thomson, by order of his Excellency the Governor, I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to inform you that in a despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies his lordship acknowledges the receipt of a memorial from Wong Sing, Justice of the Peace, and others forwarded by his Excellency Robtson, Governor of Hongkong, praying that the Treasurer James may be allowed to remain in the colony of Hongkong with a view to comply with the wishes of the people. We lordship has given his consideration to the matter and has found that Mitchell-Jones is always regarded with affection by the people. But prior to the receipt of the said despatch his lordship had already decided to defer the transfer of James temporarily.

[L. S.] PROTECTOR OF CHINESE.

Dated 5th January, 1894.

Possibly when next the Legislative Council meets, the original despatch from the Colonial Office may be published, with any comments that the hon. members may dare to make; but in the meantime we beg to offer our own interpretation of this document—namely, that it is a delicate specimen of the art of "hedging." Mr. MITCHELL-JONES is still here, so that it was useless to say that "it had already been decided to defer the transfer temporarily," and although that fact may be an indication that he is to be retained permanently and his sentence definitely quashed, on the other hand it may be nothing of the sort. But we don't want Mr. MITCHELL-JONES here any longer, temporarily or otherwise, and that is the long and short of it.

TELEGRAMS.

EGYPT AGAIN.

LONDON, February 2nd.
It is believed that a Cabinet crisis is pending in Egypt. The Khedive is incensed at his Ministers for not supporting him in the position he has assumed towards Lord Cromer, the British representative.

THE FRENCH TARIFF.

PARIS, January 19th.
The commission elected to consider the tariff is mostly in favour of retaining the present rates. M. Méline has been elected president.

THE SIAMESE TREATY.

The special committee appointed by the Chamber of Deputies has reported approving of the treaty with Siam, and the Chamber will consider it next week.

THE FRENCH LAND TAX.

January 30th.
The Chamber has unanimously passed a motion recommending the Cabinet to introduce a bill for the reduction of the land tax.

THE FRENCH NAVY.

A decree has been promulgated instituting a commission of inquiry into the state of the French navy.

ITALY.

January 31st.
Tranquillity has now been restored in Sicily, and there is no further cause for apprehension in Sicily.

SERBIA.

January 31st.
In consequence of difficulties between the young King of Serbia and his Ministers, asking Milan to go to Belgrade for the ostensible purpose of arranging the matter; but the Ministers all resigned, and further trouble is expected.

NEW RAID ON MADAGASCAR.

The French Chamber has unanimously resolved to support the Cabinet in any course adopted to maintain the position and "rights" of France in Madagascar.

MORE RAIDS.

Colonel Bonnier has taken possession of Timbuctoo without striking a blow. (There is no excuse for any more land-grabbing.)

BISMARCK AND THE KAISER.

The Kaiser has sent an aide-de-camp to congratulate Prince Bismarck on his recovery

from a serious attack of influenza. The Chancellor thanked him, and accepted his invitation to Berlin. He will go there on the 26th, and will stay at the Palace.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A FIRE in Shanghai native city destroyed twenty houses on the night of the 28th ult.

OUR Panjoni "Open Letter" and a lot of other interesting matters are unavoidably "crowded out."

THE death is reported from Anhwei, of Ma'li Koo-yin, formerly Chinese Minister to the United States, Spain and Peru.

A FIRE close to the Tootal's yamboo at Wuhu on January 23rd, destroyed twenty houses and rendered thirty families homeless.

An attempt was made to keep the port of Vladivostok open this winter by aid of the ice-breaker *Slavich*. It failed owing to the break-down of the ice-cutter.

"BROWNIE" seems to have been at a temperance meeting where he got drunk on a mixture of Irish whisky and German beer; for he refers to a well-known song as *Erin on the Rhine*!

THE Borneo liner *Messina*, Captain B. Enoch, arrived here this afternoon from Singapore (where she has had some repairs effected, as reported in these columns over a month ago) via Sandakan after a very stormy passage from the latter port, during which strong northerly winds and heavy squalls were the order of the day and resulted in her fore-castle-head bulwarks being smashed in and ultimately carried away.

THE *Huay News*, translating from a vernacular contemporary, states that the matting makers of Okayama prefecture have resolved in consequence of a recent heavy drop in prices to restrict the production of matting. The annual return shows the values of exports of matting from Kobe for the last four years as follows:—1890, \$34,083; 1891, \$34,045; 1892, \$1,164,000; and 1893, \$1,720,338. These figures show an advance by less and less, but production has more than kept pace with the demand, with the result that prices have fallen.

THE Kiklagu correspondent of the *Singapore Mercury* writes under date January 25th:—"It is with much regret that I have to record the death of Mr. G. W. Luce, late examiner in the Imperial Maritime Customs Service at this port, which sad event occurred yesterday, after a short illness from acute asthma and bronchitis. The days at the British Consulate and hulks were halcyon days to-day. The interment took place to-day, and a number of the residents and the Customs staff attended. The burial service of the Church of England was most impressively read by the Rev. Mr. Little."

IN the herd of amateur tinkers, cripples and hopeless incompetents employed by the Public Works Department would devote a mere fraction of their time and attention to the notoriously insanitary and practically neglected portions of our crowded thoroughfares, such, for instance, as Praya Central, in the immediate vicinity of the Canton wharves, Praya West and several of the back streets in the central and western districts of the colony, as would at once enforce the completion of the house drainage there, they would be doing infinitely more good than by frittering away time and money by spackling holes in Lower Albert Road and Leobridge Street and filling them up with alleged concrete which even a two-penny-half-penny County Council jobber would not deign to "do" a stable-yard or pig-stye with in the "solid-concrete" *Verd. 18p.*

SOAP suds, says an American contemporary, may supersede oil as the agency in cleaning scum-brother waters of the sea and saving vessels from harm. Experiments have been made recently, and the reports of co-operating observers to the United States Hydrographic Office uniformly confirm the value of the new discovery. The German steamship *Scandia*, from Hamburg for Philadelphia, made the experiment with the greatest success in one of the wildest storms that ever swept the North Atlantic ocean. While the sea was running highest, soap suds were left to gradually drip over the vessel's bow. The sea ceased to break over her decks and the vessel lay comparatively easy. Mr. Wendt, the third officer, had charge of the experiment, and his report speaks eloquently of the success attending it. The use of the suds is not intended to entirely displace oil, but, being cheaper, heavier on the water, and the soap occupying less space on the ship, it is likely before long to be generally adopted.

"ARE you the editor of the *Daily Press*?" The caller was a stranger, with his hat on the back of his head and a broad smile on his face. "I am," answered the man at the desk. "Then it was you, I presume—ha! ha!—who wrote the notice of my daughter's wedding?"

"Yes," said the editor cordially, but with some misgivings. "It was all right, wasn't it?" "Oh yes! It was a good job. An excellent job! Ha! ha! It was all right—you don't mind shaking hands with me?"

"Certainly not!" said the smiling stranger, jerking him out of his chair in the excess of his handshaking zeal. "It was all right," he added, shaking him again. "The wedding wasn't anything more, with it all," continued the amiable caller, grasping the editor by the collar, pushing him backward over his chair, catching him by the heels, hauling him round the room, upsetting the furniture with him, and finally by jamming him in the waste-paper basket. "There was nothing the matter with it, sir, except that my daughter wasn't married at all! Good morning!"

A LETTER written by a Japanese labourer in Guatemala and quoted by a vernacular contemporary, should form interesting reading for some of the enterprising residents of this Colony who are so deeply interested in developing the coffee trade between here and the States in South America. The writer states that there are 150 Japanese labourers in Guatemala in a desperate condition and it is on their behalf that aid is sought. The climate of the country resembles that of Hawaii, and as the work to be done on the coffee plantations is comparatively easy, they did not anticipate any special hardships. But their treatment by their employers has gradually become more and more brutal, and being totally ignorant of Spanish, which is the language used, they find themselves in a very evil plight. By their original contract, they were to receive ten dollars a month in the currency of either Guatemala or America, but since the latter is more than twice as valuable as the former, their salary has naturally been paid in the cheaper currency. On the other hand, the price of commodities is about three times as high as in Hawaii. Twenty-one of their number died from the plantations where they were employed; two were captured and thrown into prison, where one of them died. It will be interesting to learn how the "new emigrants" taken across to Brazil in the noted *Tietra* fare after this.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of China* left Yokohama for Vancouver yesterday afternoon.

THE professional politician isn't narrow-minded—he is willing to put himself into anybody's place. Hongkong Government officials are also built that way.

WITNESS—"I say, boss, is there an opening in this office for a man of push?" Editor—"You be! That door there swings out; turn the knob to the right and push hard."

FORTY-YOU separate convicts were secured by the Japanese police the other day against an enterprising burglar and general thief. The different sentences are not recorded.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will be at anchor at 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

THE *Yapen Gazette* reports that owing to the panic in Italy, the Yokohama silk market is again stagnant. The total quantity in stock in that city last week was 25,210 bales of raw, and 30,785 of waste silk.

MR. EDWARD MOLLENDORFF of the bankrupt firm of Pollok and Mollenhoff has been arrested at Yokohama in connection with the firm's bankruptcy. The arrest was effected at the instance of the Belgian Consul-General and the prisoner was lodged in the British consular goal.

THE hearing of the collision case brought by junk-owners against the steamboat *Kwong-Nai* (late *Oryza*) before the Chief Justice and Comr. Asher, R.N., in the Admiralty Court, was concluded to-day and judgment is to be given on Monday.

THE members of the Garrison Staff and Departmental Sergeants' Mess announce a smoking concert in their Mess-room on Wednesday next the 7th inst. at 8 p.m. for the purpose of welcoming the new members arrived by the *Himalaya* and bidding good bye to those leaving for home by that vessel.

Jinks—"Come over to my place to-night, old man. We're going to celebrate our silver wedding."

Binks—"But ain't you rather too previous? You haven't been married more than fifteen years."

Jinks—"That's right; but silver's below par now, you know."

BAILIE Guthrie and Mr. McKIL, Glasgow's two representatives on Lloyd's Board, put in the whole of last week in London, says the *Glasgow Herald* of December 26th, dealing with the affairs of officials and pensioners. In spite of a falling off in revenue, owing to fewer ships being built and surveyed, the Board dealt generously with their officials. Lloyd's has £500,000 invested in Consols.

AMONGST the many other phenomena recently discovered in the Land of the Jap. by inventive native journalists is a reformed policeman—a Chief Inspector of that ilk. He has solemnly vowed to contract no debts, to eschew all woman-kind and to hold no property in his own private life. That policeman ought—but in cases of this sort advice would be thrown away. He went live long.

A JAPANESE contemporary states that the Royal Korean College, which was inaugurated some eight years ago, has gone the way of most of the enterprises taken in hand by the Government of the Hermit Kingdom at the instigation of American adventurers and "sky-pirates." The director, Mr. Bunker, finding no interest was being taken in the institution, tendered his resignation, which after long delay has now been finally accepted.

THE Royal Warrant now being prepared at the War Office for the issue of the Queen's decoration to non-commissioned officers and men of twenty years' and upwards efficient service in the Volunteer force will shortly be promulgated. It is expected that the number of recipients will reach, with present and past members, fully 10,000. At the date of the last returns there were over 7,000 non-commissioned officers and men with twenty years' service, and nearly the same number with twenty years' service and upwards. The thirty-three years' men who were the "six stars" for efficiency number about 2,500.

WITH reference to the anti-foreign feeling at present so strong in Japan, the *Yapen Herald* makes the following comments:—"The *Yapen Herald* has no doubt but that the House was dissolved owing to the movement for strict enforcement of the treaties, and admits that the seeds of anti-foreign spirit have been widely and deeply sown in the country, and therefore the fact cannot be ignored. At the same time it would be well to remember, however, the paper that the very strong anti-foreign feeling which existed some 30 or 40 years ago, nearly died away in the course of time. The present state of things is practically only a revival of the old feeling of antagonism to foreigners and everything foreign, and will doubtless entirely disappear, as it cannot possibly remain in active existence for any length of time. The feeling has not arisen because the people are convinced by the arguments of anti-foreign agitators, but it is likely that the Popular party took up the question as a means of harassing the Government without stopping to enquire whether they were justified in doing so, though they were well aware of the impolicy of such foreign principles. The party is therefore to be blamed rather for its rashness and radicalism than for being conservative and narrow-minded. Censure must be passed upon such conduct for its extreme rashness, whether the feeling be genuine or only assumed, and it is a question to be studied by constituents whether they should return as members of the Diet persons who advocate radical, not to say anarchical, principles."

NAVAL COURT MARTIAL.

H.M.S. "Victor Emanuel."

February 3rd.

DRUNKENNESS.

Frederick W. Austin, engineer of H.M.S. *Rattler*, was charged by Lieutenant-Commander Cotterwith with having been drunk. The Court was composed as follows:—Capt. McQuibbe, *Imperialist*, president; Capt. Burr, *Porpoise*; Comdr. Kirby, *Swift*; Comdr. Keir, *Imperialist*. Defendant was found guilty, and was sentenced to lose 18 months' seniority and to be dismissed his ship.

AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

A special meeting of shareholders in the Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Limited, was held in the office of the General Managers, Messrs.

Road Central, this morning. Mr. J. D. Humphreys presided, and there were present Messrs. J. Orange, H. Humphreys (Director), Hart, Buck, R. K. Leigh, J. M. E. Machado, and J. A. Jupp (Secretary).

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, the object of our meeting to-day is to confirm the resolution that was unanimously passed on the 18th of January, for voluntarily winding up the Company. Before formally putting the confirmatory resolution to the meeting I should like to thank you for your support during the trying time and under the most arduous conceivable conditions under which it was possible for a company to struggle on, after making a great and fatal mistake in combining, under one Company, businesses antipathetic to each other. Instead of encouraging and employing ourselves in outside building operations we ought to have thrown all our capital and all our energies into the Austin Arms Hotel. All that we have done in reference to the Hotel, as far as we have gone, was right. We bought the finest site in the Colony for the purpose, and when the contiguous land was put up to public auction on the application of certain Chinese gentlemen with the object of building a Chinese Club, we were compelled to buy it really for their heads. We took an amount of interest in the work which ought to have insured success. We obtained considerable concession from the Government in respect to extensions of the lot, as we found that, in cutting down Mount Austin, our filling in was a valuable frontage which we obtained by improving the roadway. One half of Mount Austin itself was reserved for War Department purposes, and this we were fortunate enough to obtain from the Government under the sanction of the Military Authorities, I suppose because one half of it was no use to them without the other. I assume that when this half part was reserved for the War Department was kept reserved because it commanded the Harbour and the City of Victoria, the other half which had been already alienated by the Civil Government to the War Department could not secure, except by private purchase. This other half commands the south side of the Island, which includes the oldest water-shed of the Colony; the entire lot, extending as it does from the Gap, with the exception of land still in the possession of the Civil Government, upon which the Police Station stands, to Umbrella Seat, is without exception the most commanding military position in the Island, being central and a point at which some of the most important Peak Roads converge—I do not suppose for a moment that the War Department would have parted with its rights if it could have foreseen what could have been made of it. As this property is my shortly, at the instance of any one of our Directors, be put up to public auction, they may perhaps think it an opportune moment for securing the most magnificent site in the Island either for a Sanatorium or for Barracks, and as a basis of operations for the defence of the Island. I should be sorry to see the residents of the Colony if the Mount Austin Hotel is to pass away from them for any other purpose than what it was originally intended for, namely a health resort where within 15 minutes from the Clock Tower they can have the benefit of a complete change of climate, combined with all the comforts of a first class Hotel, for less money a day in full than would be paid for a room and attendance in a railway hotel in England, and much less than they would have to pay for a mountain chimp for a dog at the "Langham." I have known "2/6" to be charged for a mountain chimp for a dog at the "Langham." It is therefore to be hoped that the Hotel will be run by somebody for the benefit of the community. It is well worth, in my opinion, the money at which it stands in your books; no squeezes were paid on the purchase of the furniture and appointments, which were bought mainly through Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. under the best trade conditions for a commission of 5 per cent. This Company getting the benefit of all trade discounts. If you confirm the resolution which I shall presently put to you, this will be the last opportunity I shall have of addressing you. I therefore trust it will not be considered out of place for me to repeat that you, in common with the shareholders of the late Peak Hotel Company, Limited, have lost your money not for the benefit of any promoter or Director of this Company, except one, who, as I have already said, after scuttling and leaving our ship, on which he had only served about a week, put a new one on the ship, with the result of the total loss of the capital of the owners of both. From these two enterprises he has come out the only winner. Gentlemen, I hope that in future, if not in the past, you will be preserved from coming into contact with that most evil of all combinations on earth, a mixture of rogue and fool. If it were not for the memory of one of Shakespeare's finest but most villainous characters, I would say in the words of Othello—

Iago, honest Iago!
If that thou beest a devil, I can't kill thee!
There being no further remarks, the motion to confirm the winding-up resolutions passed at the last meeting was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Machado, and carried *unanimously*. This concluded the business.

TRAINING NOTES.

The results of this morning's gallops were, as a whole, somewhat disappointing. With a course that ought to have been (and no doubt was) exceptionally fast, some brilliant performances, by the time test, were conspicuously lacking; but these expectations were not realised in fact, judging by to-day's work, the horses in training, with a few notable exceptions, are about the most mediocre crowd seen here for years past. Before proceeding to detail the various gallops, perhaps the obliging Clerk of the Course will not take it amiss if I assume the liberty of offering a couple of suggestions, which may be worth considering. In the first place, I quite fail to see the necessity, when the race-course is thrown open for galloping, of keeping secret by means of a dangerous set of hurdles about two or three yards of the track, next the rails. One of the griffins who is finishing a "pov" this morning, shied badly at one of these hurdles and narrowly escaped injuring both himself and his rider, and that was by no means an exceptional case. In my opinion the Race-course should be kept clear altogether unless the whole of it can be safely thrown open, the training track, in its present admirable condition, being good enough for all requirements. The second suggestion refers to the "confounded" dogs which, under the name of "chivvies" or "poies" are on the Black Rock hill, and getting awfully in the way at various parts of the course. I am quite sure that these "wanks" are not licensed, and as they are a detestable and dangerous nuisance on the race-course, I think our sporting Captain Superintendent of Police might send two or three of his professional dog catchers down to the Happy Valley and "run in" these wankers. In the old times "Tally" was wont to walk round with his pocket and at times did fearful execution—until the villagers at Woodbridge got tired of their pet being "blasted" (as it was called) and treated the vicious animal to a good kicking;—but nowadays we have all got to be sensibly moral and prudent and are so much

overdone in the way of so-called paternal government (patronage government) that to even live a gun in the Valley without a special license might entail a criminal prosecution, conviction and imprisonment. Mr. C. C. Mearns, another expensive opportunity of distinguishing himself in his great Purification Act.

The mysterious "sub" griffin Exchange went a mile (Amov riding) in 38, 1.14, 1.49 and 2.53, going in much better form at the end than he has yet shown. Over the Derby distance, Timekeeper and Dainty made 43, 1.20, 1.58, 2.35, 3.12 and 3.47, the griffin apparently having had quite enough of it at last, although the pace was dimly slow. Timekeeper goes well, but does not seem to be quite beyond a suspicion of unsoundness. Bortli was sent two miles at a steady pace, and went very strongly throughout. As there seems to be some doubt as to the full times, which I was unable to take personally, I omit them, but the stalling end did his first mile in 38, 1.14, 1.54, and 2.31 and his last half-mile in 36 and 1.11. Merry-Thought for a mile and a quarter recorded 38, 1.14, 1.45, 2.21, and 2.59. Vagran's mile and a half occupied 38, 1.14, 1.48, 2.23, 2.58 and 3.33—both racers finishing in very indifferent style.

Bilgard (mafoo up) galloped a mile in something like his Shanghai racing form, doing 31, 65, 1.42 and 2.13, but died away to nothing at the end. Lugland negotiated the German Cup distance (Energy joining in for the last three-quarters) in 39, 1.05, 1.49, 2.24, and 3.02, and I rather think the game little black is beginning to feel the effect of the hard work he has gone through since last October. Frohman strolled along over the Derby distance in 41, 1.18, 1.54, 2.40, 3.06, and 3.39, moving freely and well within himself, but I am not inclined to the general opinion that this is the best of the Subscription griffins and shall remain a non-believer until I see him stretched out alongside something that can gallop. The Signor (Capt. Thomas) in a little too good for Old Giles (Capt. Hunt) in a mile and a half gallop—times 35, 1.10, 1.47, 2.25, 3.03 and 3.44—both ponies, being thoroughly beaten, and it may be a moot point whether Captain Thomas, who has improved wonderfully in his riding during the past few months, did not out-jockey his colleague, who, of course, is quite new to kicking China ponies along.

Catterthun was not in a lively mood and absolutely declining to gallop at Herr "Schumann's" vigorous call, crawled a mile in 38, 1.18, 1.53 and 2.35—and yet the sanguine owner actually fancies that he stands a great chance for the Valley Stakes with this molish beauty. The erratic Tallman, under the whip, most ridiculously administered, covered a mile and a half in 35, 1.10, 1.45, 2.25, 2.58 and 3.33; the old clothes-horse finished as gamely as ever, but these repeated floggings, every time he gallops, have taken all the steam out of as genuine a colic as ever looked through a horse. Reilly (Mr. Court), Fraud and Hasty "povs" at high pressure for a mile—it was low pressure when they passed the winning post—the Quince's noble etc.—just beating the other pair in 37, 1.13, 1.48 and 2.35. Fraud will, if properly trained, turn out for the best of this trip, as he is a powerful built and shapely pony and has a long stride and level action. Elsinore (Mr. Nellice) and Beaufort (Schumann) went a mile in company, the latter coming clear away at the top of the straight, but shying at one of the "dolls" near the rails, he swerved right across the course and, after being pulled up, cantered past the post several lengths in front—times, 35, 1.13, 1.45 and 2.23.

Felix (Mr. Master) and Endeavour (mafoo) galloped a mile in 36, 1.12, 1.48 and 2.22, the first named winning cleverly. I timed Fright (Capt. Hunt) and The Don (Capt. Thomas) 35, 1.13, and 1.45 for three-quarters of a mile (I think they galloped a mile, but I missed their first quarter), the pair catching up and running away from Mavis; the Derby pony, however, made up a lot of ground in the straight and got on terms at the winning post. Doubtless I am in error, but with all due respect to their trainer's superior judgment, it seems to me that the whole of the Subscription griffins' ponies would be all the better for a few days' steady work—they are not exactly steam engines, nor even the Tyram Tiger. Mandarin (Mr. May) up showed to advantage over the German Cup distance, doing 31, 1.01, 1.47, 2.22 and 2.59. Opal was sent along over the Derby course, Sliding Scale "chipping in" at the mile and a quarter post; Mr. Heinrich's griffin disposed of the "sub" very easily, and made a good performance, the watch, but finished in wretched fashion—times, 39, 1.10, 1.45, 2.20, 2.56 and 3.35. Mavis' mile and a quarter was covered in 35, 1.10, 1.47, 2.23 and 2.58, Mavis' mile and a quarter making 35, 1.10, 1.45, 2.21, and 3.01, and both ponies were rolling like fish in distress at the finish. Dunoon was sent a mile and a quarter, Pettrel (Mr. Hart Buck) bringing the Amy Champions' winner along from the mile post. The roan, of course, won by any number of lengths, but after passing the post he displayed temper and resolutely refused to go any further, and the mafoo's whip was of no avail. The times were—38, 1.13, 1.46, 2.22, and 2.58. Thurt (Schumann) galloped a mile in good form, registering 34, 68, 1.45, and 2.20, and going well to the end.

Dart Devil's mile-and-a-quarter gallop was a bit of a disappointment, the flying little roan being delayed, after his fine performance last Wednesday, to make a sensational record. He actually made 34, 61, 1.45, 2.24 and a 68, finishing very nearly "all out." Bladum (Mr. A. J. Karon) easily ran away from his stable companion Juba—by the way, it is perhaps just as well to say that I am not positive which is Bladum and which the other fellow, but anyhow the make Mr. Karon rode without an effort, but they might have travelled faster without going too fast, as the following times show—39, 1.13, 1.48, 2.20 and 3.01. More Cypher, hard ridden all the way, travelled a mile in 1.12, 1.50 and 2.28, and certainly shows signs of improvement. Recovery ("Boots"), with Captain chipping in *en route*, traversed the Derby course in 35, 67, 1.41, 2.15, 2.52 and 3.31—a very satisfactory gallop for the roan griffin, notwithstanding a very bad finish and a dreadfully slow last quarter. Some "clockers" made this gallop about three seconds slower than the professional *arriere*, doubtless owing to their chronographs having been lost out to the "Crocker's" stable party last night, and not having fully recovered from the effects of that spree. Varior, who was joined by Swift (Mr. Hart Buck) at the mile and a quarter post, did the Derby distance in 34, 66, 1.41, 2.16, 2.58 and 3.37, the "sub" beating the Derby griffin by a length.

Maypole (mafoo up) driven from start to finish, galloped a mile and a half in 35, 63, 1.44, 2.21, 2.57 and 3.35, a noteworthy improvement on his recent performances. One of the most exciting finishes of the morning was that between Silver King and Gundondoo (mafoo up), who galloped over the German Cup distance, being difficult to say which of the

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